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In pursuit of some black duck feathers, which within the last two years have blown into the ditches and hedgerows, I have recently come across the fact that in the Foreign Service, placement of officers is within a three-grade range. In other words, if a job is classified at say, a 5, they feel perfectly free to put a 6 or a 4 in it on a permanent basis, and if the 6 does well, he gets promoted to a 5.

Vox clamantis in deserto.

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